



## FEARLESS TRUSTING GOD FOR BREAKTHROUGH

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GROW STRONG TRUST IN GOD

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(discuss one question at a time, not by paragraph; give space for people to think re: answers)

Read Matthew 8:5-13 & Mark 6:1-6 before moving on. These passages contain the only two occasions where Jesus was “amazed”. Both had to do with faith.

- What caused His amazement with the Centurion? the people in His hometown?
- Which of these 2 stories reflect your current faith?
- Would Jesus be “amazed” at your *great faith* or your *lack of faith*?

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:3, 2 Corinthians 10:15, Romans 4:20-21. How do they describe faith? Gerry said that the good news for each of us is that our faith is dynamic, not static (i.e. we can grow, expand, strengthen and deepen our trust in God).

- How have you sensed your faith has changed in recent years or months? Has it grown stronger or weakened? Why is that?

One way I GROW STRONG TRUST IN GOD is ***I develop personal intimacy with God.*** It is difficult to trust someone you don’t know.

- What were some of the ways that Gerry taught that we could develop intimacy with God?
- How do we get to know God through His Word?
- What type of prayer did especially develops intimacy with Him?
- How does private worship develop intimacy with God?

Read Colossians 2:7. Rob Reimer said, “*Many people make the mistake of giving up on their time alone with God when they are busy or get disappointed. Faith is not developed in disengagement - it is developed in pursuing God.*” Do you find that you neglect your time alone with God when your pace picks up? On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is “ice cold” to 10 which is “on fire”, how would you rate your pursuit of God?

Another way I GROW STRONG TRUST IN GOD is: ***I process painful brokenness in life.***

Reimer said, “*unprocessed suffering leads to distrust.*” Read Proverbs 13:12a. Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heart sick.

- Do you have unprocessed pain in your life that is hindering your trust in God? In what ways could you begin to process it in an open, honest and healing manner?
- What ministry options are available at Summit for such processing? outside of Summit?



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Another way I GROW STRONG TRUST IN GOD is: ***I pursue experiential encounters of God.***  
We step out in faith, take risks, seek to encounter Him through His Spirit's ministry.

- How do experiences of God's presence/activity bolster your trust?
- Read Matthew 16:8-9. What is Jesus challenging the disciples to do?
- Do you have a way of capturing/retaining memories of your encounters of God? Describe.
- Share your stories of significant experiences with God, especially re: consequences of those experiences on your faith.

Lastly, I GROW STRONG TRUST IN GOD is: ***I seek motivational inspiration from others.***

- What "inspirational resources" did Gerry say are available to us?
- Is there a particular source that has been very motivational in your faith?

Read Romans 1:11,12

- what does this passage model for us in our Christian relationships?
- in what ways could you bless one another's faith?

Read Hebrews 10:23-25

- does gathering together corporately strengthen faith? How so?

How robust are the inspirational supports in your life?

- In what ways can you add motivational inspiration to your life?

Of the four ways we grow strong trust in God, which one is a vital practice in your life?

- describe how are you applying it?

Which of the four ways we grow strong trust in God do you tend to avoid? why is that so?

- how could we help you implement that method?

Pray for one another to grow strong trust in God; pray the same for our Church family.